

Framingham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 11, 2005 at 7:30 PM

7:36 Meeting called to order with the following present: William Hanson (Chair), Ed Kross (Vice Chair), Rich Whalen (Secretary), Joe Repole, Tim Lee

> Vote on meeting minutes

Ed Kross moved to accept the September minutes, Joe Repole seconded, minutes accepted as amended

> Review recent correspondence and media articles

Article in Framingham Tab (September 30, 2005) on bicycle commuting

Article in Boston Globe (September 29, 2005) on recreational ride arrows getting blacked out.

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> FBPAC has requested that the Selectmen consider appointing someone from FBPAC to serve on the Task Force for the Downtown Crossing project response from John Stasik saying that they would consider it if/when the task force expands.

> Status of the CTPS feasibility study for a rail trail through Nobscot
Still working on it.

> Status of the Farm Pond Task Force and the project to install bicycle lockers at MBTA commuter rail stations in the region
No meetings from Farm Pond Task Force
Bike lockers delayed due to some glitch in the funding.
Email on TOD Infrastructure and Housing Support Program ("TOD Bond Program") that could be a possible source of funding, deadline is Nov 14, 2005

> Moving Together 2005, the statewide bicycle and pedestrian conference sponsored by Baystate Roads, will be held on Wednesday, October 19 in Boston.
Discussed workshops and who might attend what, will be finalized at the actual event.

8:00 PM

Report on the grand opening of the Assabet River Rail Trail in Marlborough and Hudson. Members of FBPAC and the Board of Selectmen attended the event in unofficial capacity.

William Hanson attended this. The MetroWest Daily News had an article on it (September 25). There is still a lot to be done on this rail trail, but recent completion of some parts provided for a ceremony.

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Public comment

None.

8:20 PM

Review second draft of member reports for the 2005 street and sidewalk surveys.
Reviewed Steve Zallen's photos from his survey. Joe Repole is still working on his.

8:38 reviewed Joe Repole's Letter to DPW on "Share the Road signs", a number of edits were recommended.

8:40 PM

Discussed recommendations to the Roadway Safety Committee for bicycle "Share the road" signs. There are a number of formats in use throughout the Commonwealth. Though the ASHTO standard is composed of two signs, one with a bicycle on it and a separate "SHARE THE ROAD" sign, the committee felt that a single combined sign showing silhouettes of a bicyclist and an automobile was the best.

9:00 Ed Kross moved to adjourn. Joe Repole seconded, meeting adjourned.